IN THE CLAIMS:

The attached list of claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application:

List of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A refrigerator compartment comprising substantially parallel side walls and a rear wall therebetween, a plurality of substantially vertically spaced shelf-supporting ledges along each of said side walls, said shelf-supporting ledges being disposed in substantially horizontally aligned pairs, at least one slidable shelf defined by a piece of glass and front and rear border members each made of polymeric/copolymeric molded synthetic material, said glass piece having opposite side edges and opposite front and rear edges, said front and rear border members having respectively a glass piece front edge-receiving channel and a glass piece rear edge-receiving channel, said channels open in opposing relationship to each other, said glass piece front and rear edges being received in the respective glass piece front edge-receiving and rear edge-receiving channels, said at least one slidable shelf being disposed with said front and rear border members in sliding relationship to one of said horizontally aligned pair of shelf-supporting ledges with said piece of glass being thereby spaced above said horizontally aligned pair of shelf-supporting ledges, and at least a portion of each glass piece side edge disposed between said front and rear border members being substantially completely exposed whereby air flow within the refrigerator compartment is enhanced.

2. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 1 including a space between each shelf-supporting ledge and an associated exposed glass piece side edge portion to effect air flow therebetween thus further enhancing conductivity within the refrigerator compartment

3. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 1 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members are supported by said ledges.

4. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 1 wherein said rear border member is of a generally U-shaped configuration defined by a bight border portion and opposite leg border portions, said rear border channel is defined by a bight channel portion and leg channel portions of said respective bight border portion and said opposite leg border portions, and said glass piece rear edge and adjacent portions of said glass piece side edges are secured in the respective bight channel portion and the leg channel portions of said rear border channel.

5. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 1 wherein said front border member is of a generally U-shaped configuration defined by a bight border portion and opposite leg border portions, said front border channel is defined by a bight channel portion and leg channel portions of said respective bight border portion and said opposite leg border portions, and said glass piece front edge and adjacent portions of said glass piece side edges are secured in the respective bight channel portion of said front border channel and the leg channel portions.

6. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 1 wherein said front and rear members are injection molded upon and are thereby bondingly secured to said respective glass piece front and rear edge.

7. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 1 wherein said front and rear members are injection molded, and adhesive means for bondingly securing said front and rear members to said respective glass piece front and rear edges.

8. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 2 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members are supported by said ledges.

9. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 2 wherein said rear border member is of a generally U-shaped configuration defined by a bight border portion and opposite leg border portions, said rear border channel is defined by a bight channel portion and leg channel portions of said respective bight border portion and said opposite leg border portions, and said glass piece rear edge and adjacent portions of said glass piece side edges are secured in the respective bight channel portion and the leg channel portions of said rear border channel.

10. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 2 wherein said front border member is of a generally U-shaped configuration defined by a bight border portion and opposite leg border portions, said front border channel is defined by a bight channel portion and leg channel portions of said respective bight border portion and said opposite leg border portions, and said glass piece front edge and adjacent portions of said glass piece side edges are secured in the respective bight channel portion of said front border channel and the leg channel portions.

11. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 2 wherein said front and rear members are injection molded upon and are thereby bondingly secured to said respective glass piece front and rear edge.

12. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 2 wherein said front and rear members are injection molded, and adhesive means for bondingly securing said front and rear members to said respective glass piece front and rear edges.

13. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 9 wherein said leg border portions are supported by said ledges.

14. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 10 wherein said leg border portions are supported by said ledges.

15. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 4 wherein said front border member is of a generally U-shaped configuration defined by a bight border portion and opposite leg border portions, said front border channel is defined by a bight channel portion and leg channel portions of said respective bight border portion and said opposite leg border portions, and said glass piece front edge and adjacent portions of said glass piece side edges are secured in the respective bight channel portion of said front border channel and the leg channel portions.

16. (Original) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 15 wherein said leg border portions are supported by said ledges.

17. (Previously Presented) A slidable shelf particularly adapted for use in a refrigerator compartment comprising a piece of glass and front and rear border members each made of polymeric/ copolymeric molded synthetic material, each front and rear border member having a lower support surface adapted for sliding support in an associated refrigerator compartment; said glass piece having upper and lower surfaces, opposite side edges and opposite front and rear edges; said front and rear border members having respectively a glass piece front edge-receiving channel and a glass piece rear edge-receiving channel, said channels open in opposing relationship to each other, said glass piece front and rear edges being received in the respective glass piece front edge-receiving and rear edge-receiving channels, and at least a portion of each glass piece side edge disposed between said front and rear border members being substantially completely exposed with said glass piece lower surface being spaced above a plane through said front and rear border member lower surfaces whereby air flow within an associated refrigerator compartment is enhanced.

18. (Original) The shelf as defined in claim 17 wherein said glass piece front and rear edges define with said side edges corner portions of said glass piece, and said corner portions are substantially encapsulated by said front and rear border members.

19. (Original) The shelf as defined in claim 17 wherein said glass piece front and rear edges define with said side edges corner portions of said glass piece, and said corner portions are at least partially encapsulated by said front and rear border members.

20. (~~Original~~) withdrawn The shelf as defined in claim 17 wherein said glass piece front and rear edges define with said side edges corner portions of said glass piece, and said corner portions are totally exposed by said front and rear border members.

21. (~~Original~~) withdrawn The shelf as defined in claim 17 wherein said glass piece front and rear edges define with said side edges corner portions of said glass piece, and said corner portions are totally exposed by said front and rear border members whereby said side edges are substantially totally exposed along the entire length thereof.

22. (Previously Presented) The shelf as defined in claim 17 wherein said rear border member is of a generally U-shaped configuration defined by a bight border portion and opposite leg border portions, said rear edge-receiving channel is defined by a bight channel portion and leg channel portions of said respective bight border portion and said opposite leg border portions, and said glass piece rear edge and adjacent portions of said glass piece side edges are secured in the respective bight channel portion and the leg channel portions of said rear border channel.

23. (Previously Presented) The shelf as defined in claim 17 wherein said front border member is of a generally U-shaped configuration defined by a bight border portion and opposite leg border portions, said front edge-receiving channel is defined by a bight channel portion and leg channel portions of said respective bight border portion and said opposite leg border portions, and said glass piece front edge and adjacent portions of said glass piece side edges are secured in the respective bight channel portion of said front border channel and the leg channel portions.

24. (Original) The shelf as defined in claim 22 wherein said glass piece front and rear edges define with said side edges corner portions of said glass piece, and said corner portions are substantially encapsulated by said rear border members.

25. (Original) The shelf as defined in claim 23 wherein said glass piece front and rear edges define with said side edges corner portions of said glass piece, and said corner portions are substantially encapsulated by said front border members.

26. (Previously Presented) The shelf as defined in claim 23 wherein said rear border member is of a generally U-shaped configuration defined by a bight border portion and opposite leg border portions, said rear edge-receiving channel is defined by a bight channel portion and leg channel portions of said respective bight border portion and said opposite leg border portions, and said glass piece rear edge and adjacent portions of said glass piece side edges are secured in the respective bight channel portion and the leg channel portions of said rear border channel.

27. (Original) The shelf as defined in claim 26 wherein said U-shaped rear border member opens in a direction toward said U-shaped front border member, and said U-shaped front border member opens in a direction toward said U-shaped rear border member.

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47. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator as defined in claim 1 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

48. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 1 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

49. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator as defined in claim 2 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

50. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator as defined in claim 3 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

51. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator as defined in claim 4 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

52. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator as defined in claim 5 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

53. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 2 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

54. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 3 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

55. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 4 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

56. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 5 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

57. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 47 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

58. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 49 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

59. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 50 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

60. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 51 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

61. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 52 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

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